

and then ventilating said room, building, ship, jail, shelter, hospital, clinic, nursing home, rehabilitation facility, restaurant, school, hotel or HVAC system.

Claim 13. (currently amended)

A method ~~for removing microorganisms which comprises introducing an effective amount of a composition according to claim [[2]] 12 into the air in a room, building, ship, county jail, shelter, hospital, clinic, nursing home, rehabilitation facility, restaurant, school, hotel or HVAC system and the like, where said microorganisms are located, allowing the composition to remain for a time sufficient to substantially completely eliminate said microorganisms and then ventilating said room, building, ship or HVAC system and the like, wherein said noble gas is argon.~~

Claim 14. (currently amended)

A method according to claim 12 wherein said argon noble gas and chlorine are admixed directly before their use.

Claim 15. (canceled)

Claim 16. (new)

A method according to claim 12 wherein said microorganism is anthrax bacterium, *Bacillus anthracis*.

Claim 17. (new)

A method according to claim 12 wherein said microorganism is Norwalk or Norwalk-like viruses.

Claim 18. (new)

A method according to claim 12 wherein said microorganism is Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome virus.